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SUBJECT: OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING ON ILLICIT
CORPORATE PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 139993

1. IN VIEW OF PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' DEPARTURE ON
EXTENDED FOREIGN TRAVELS WEDNESDAY MORNING, IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER
IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DR. CUTHBERT JOSEPH
PRIOR TO ALREADY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WHICH I HAVE TO
DISCUSS ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH HIM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
(JUNE 18). DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO
RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH MORE JUNIOR OFFICIAL.

2. WHEN I DISCUSSED BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS BY
U.S. CORPORATIONS AT LENGTH WITH DR. JOSEPH MAY 28
(SEE PORT OF SPAIN 1314) IN RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTIONS IN
STATE 120843, HIS FIRST INCLINATION WAS TO ASSUME THAT
USG WAS TRYING TO TELL HIM THAT SOME REVELATIONS OF
CORPORATE MISCONDUCT IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WERE
FORTHCOMING. I BELIEVE I DISABUSED HIM OF THIS
IDEA, BUT AM SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO FURTHER BELABOR
CORPORATE MISCONDUCT ISSUE.

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3. IF MATTER IS POSTPONED FROM WEDNESDAY OAS COUNCIL

MEETING AND DEPARTMENT FEELS IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT
FOR ME TO MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE
AT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MEETING WITH JOSEPH, PLEASE
INSTRUCT.
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